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WEDNESDAY
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Up at eight to breakfast, pack, and go sight-seeing. Cecil had shown me yesterday the cables from Washington and I am curious to see how the three allied powers will phrase their proposal for a four-power conference.

Elsie came for us and we went out to Wansee. We looked at the bridge separating the American sector from Potsdam, drove around to several Soviet barriers, visited the porcelain shop of Jean Braun near the Templehof airport, stopped to look at the Liberty Bell, and turned up at the Lyons' for a 12:30 buffet lunch. The three allied Commandant Generals were there with their wives and a number of other [redacted] people.

Elsie, Cecil and Alice took us to Templehof, which we left aboard an Air France liner at 2:45. The Lyons have been wonderful to us. I do like them so much - they are splendid American representatives abroad.

After a half-hour stop in Frankfurt, we proceeded to Paris and arrived exactly on time, namely seven o'clock. We found Virginia and Ashley awaiting us at home. They are returning from their annual leave and will stay several days with us.

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